

What We've Accomplished Together



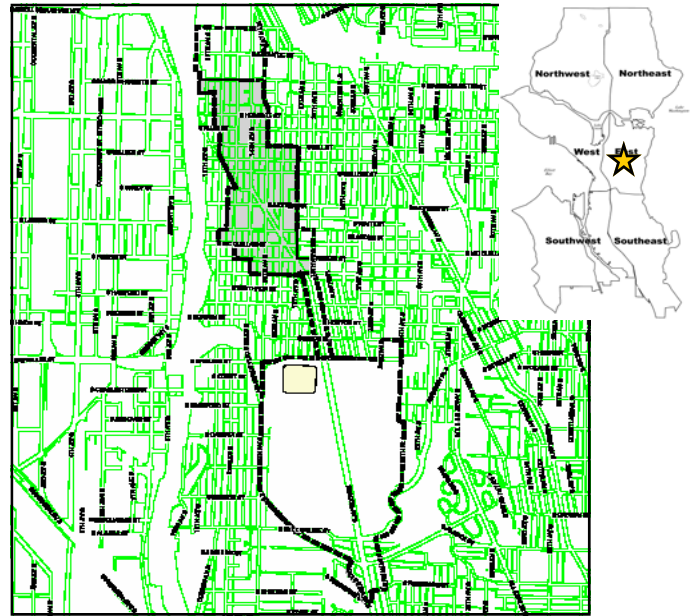
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Neighborhood: North Beacon Hill
Residential Urban Village

Plan Adopted: 1999

Key Elements:

1. Implement Jefferson Park Concept Plan
2. Revitalize Beacon Avenue Business Core



North Beacon Hill Neighborhood Plan Area
Southeast Sector

What happened in 2002

- **More fences move at Jefferson Park** - In the fall, crews began replacing the old fencing around the nine-hole golf course. This work supported the overall plan for connected paths around all of Jefferson Park. The new black “disappearing” cyclone fence matches the other new fences in the park. The fences around the reservoirs and along the north and west sides of the 18-hole course have been moved over the past two years to allow more room for walking paths and general use open space.
- **Business District Study** - The Beacon Hill Chamber of Commerce, with the help of a University of Washington School of Business intern, completed its survey of the Beacon Business District. The survey polled business owners on their type of business, size, perceptions of the Beacon business climate, and needs for success. Following the survey, many businesses participated in focus groups and were asked more detailed questions about what they need to thrive and how the Chamber can serve them. The Chamber is using the results to build membership and to ensure that planning serves the needs of the business core.
- **Business District Pedestrian Safety Improvements** - Seattle Transportation installed new concrete crosswalks and extended curb bulbs to shorten walking distances at the intersection of Beacon Ave S and 15th Ave S. The project also included installation of pedestrian safety lights, funded by the Office of Economic Development. The community chose red antique-style pedestrian lighting fixtures, which they felt conveyed excitement and pride in the area’s Asian and Hispanic cultures. Several pole lights were installed, together with new street trees, in Spring 2003. Thirty additional lights, funded by the Seattle City Light Pedestrian Lights For Safety program will be installed in Summer 2003.
- **Beacon Bluff P-Patch:** 2002 marked the first growing season at this new hillside community garden, located in the Massachusetts St. right-of-way. Seattle Transportation completed a new concrete sidewalk adjacent to the garden and removed decaying trees at the top of the hill. Assisted by a Neighborhood Matching Fund award, volunteers constructed the terraced P-Patch beds at the foot of the slope using cinder blocks and spread mulch in preparation for planting.

What's Upcoming In 2003

- **Beacon Hill Library** - Construction of a new \$5.4 million Beacon Hill branch library began in February 2003 at 2821 Beacon Ave. S. The new library will triple the size of the old one and will have an expanded collection of 40,200 books and materials, including special collections in languages other than English. A new Neighborhood Service Center will be located in the library. For more information, visit <http://www.spl.org/Neighborhoodlibs/beaconhill/beaconstatus.html>.
- **Jefferson Community Center** - Construction of the new gym, funded by the 1999 Community Centers Levy, is expected to begin this summer and will be finished early next spring. For more information and scheduling updates, visit: http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/Centers/current/jefferson_park_community_center.htm
- **Sound Transit Light Rail Line** - Test shaft construction is underway on the future site of the Beacon Hill light rail station at the southeast corner of S. Lander Street and Beacon Avenue S. Representatives from North Beacon Hill Council and the Beacon Hill Chamber are working with Sound Transit to develop a mitigation plan to ensure neighborhood vitality during construction and operation of the new light rail.

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New path & fencing at Jefferson Park

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